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## *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* fans may finally get their wish come true, as Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and Stabler (Christopher Meloni) get close to locking lips in a new OMG-worthy teaser.

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Attention [***Law & Order***](https://www.eonline.com/news/law_and_order) fans: the moment you've been waiting for has finally come…we think.

After years of will-they-won't-they tensions, [**Mariska Hargitay**](https://www.eonline.com/news/mariska_hargitay)'s Captain Olivia Benson and [**Christopher Meloni'**](https://www.eonline.com/news/christopher_meloni)s Detective Elliot Stabler may finally become more than friends, as Benson romantically cradles her former partner's face in [**a new promo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXigo_mxGEA) for [***Law & Order: Special Victims Unit***](https://www.eonline.com/news/law_and_order_special_victims_unit)'s Jan. 26 episode.

Based on the steamy teaser, Benson will recruit Stabler to help her take down [**gang leader Oscar Papa**](https://www.eonline.com/news/1361265/law-order-svu-preview-mariska-hargitays-benson-is-in-serious-trouble-after-getting-ambushed) (**Goya Robles**), a.k.a. the man responsible for putting a hit on the captain and her son Noah (**Ryan Buggle**).

As Benson warns him in the promo, "No one gets away with trying to kill my son."

But when it comes to handling a case so close to home, Benson needs support from someone very close to her: enter Stabler.

"Why'd you call me?" the detective asks her in the preview, followed by a shot of what looks like Benson leaning in for a kiss.



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Needless to say, fans are pumped to see the two get together after they first sparked chemistry on season one of *SVU* in [**1999**](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0203259/). Several fans took to Twitter to share their excitement, with one [**captioning a clip of the moment**](https://twitter.com/EOsLoveChild/status/1613734221276925953), "OH MY GOD AFTER 24 YEARS IT IS FINALLY HAPPENING!!!!!!!!"

Another giddy *SVU* fan [**tweeted**](https://twitter.com/bensler_manips/status/1613734155485057026), "NOW TELL ME HOW TO FOCUS ON WORK WHEN ALL I AM THINKING ABOUT IS THIS."

Looks like after waiting over 20 years, fans may only have two wait two more weeks to see their "Bensler" dreams come true.

See the moment for yourself in the teaser above.

*Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. on [**NBC**](https://www.eonline.com/news/nbc).

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